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SUBJECT: EMBASSY AMMAN ASSESSMENT OF FMS REQUEST FOR IMAGE
INTENSIFIER TUBES

REF: A. AMMAN 1550
[1](#)B. 08 AMMAN 3304

[1](#)1. (SBU) The Government of Jordan requests authorization to purchase Image Intensifier Tubes (IITs) for Night Vision Devices. The purpose of this acquisition is to stock an inventory of key spare parts for NVDs in procurement through Foreign Military Sales (FMS). The acquisition of NVDs has already been approved, staffed, and offered to Jordan as FMS Case JO-B-WCJ (reftels).

[1](#)2. (SBU) These defense articles will not affect JAF's existing force structure.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Jordan plays an instrumental role in supporting U.S. efforts in the region and merits further U.S. assistance in this key area of national defense. Approval of this CTA will enhance Jordan's ability to maintain NVDs under procurement and allow Jordan to sustain interoperability when deployed overseas as a coalition partner.

[1](#)4. (SBU) The total number and type of IITs being requested is outlined and justified in paragraph 14.

[1](#)5. (SBU) CENTCOM Commander's concurrence will be provided separately.

[1](#)6. (SBU) The Embassy does not anticipate any negative reaction from Jordan's neighboring countries. This acquisition represents no real increase to Jordan's current capabilities beyond what has already been approved in Case JO-B-WCJ and does not affect the regional balance of power. This purchase will not impact the foreign policies of Jordan or of its neighbors.

[1](#)7. (SBU) Jordan already accounts, safeguards, operates, and maintains similar and more sensitive items without difficulty. In October 2008, Jordan received a rating of "successful" following the Defense Security Cooperation Agency's (DSCA) Compliance Assessment Visit (CAV), DSCA's highest rating. The rating was based on End Use Monitoring (EUM) compliance with their three EEUM articles, including Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM), Javelins, and NVDs. The Country Team assesses that Jordan is a trustworthy custodian of sensitive U.S. technologies.

[1](#)8. (SBU) Jordan will require classified briefings, operator, and other technical training from U.S. trainers. When Jordan has received associated NVDs in the past there has been no impact of U.S. presence while in country. The

Country Team does not expect any negative impact from in-country U.S. presence that may be required in providing these articles or technical training.

¶10. (SBU) Jordan is purchasing these components with Foreign Military Financing (FMF).

¶11. (SBU) There are no human rights considerations relevant to the proposed acquisition.

¶12. (SBU) The Military Assistance Program (MAP) in Jordan currently has an active End-Use Monitoring (EUM) system in place for the JAF. These NVDs are Enhanced-EUM items and will require periodic inventories while in the possession of the JAF. If deployed, US Forces deployed with them will ensure the task force is conducting daily inventories.

¶13. (SBU) The Embassy recommends USG approval for transfer of the IITs for reasons listed above. This recommendation is based on the Country Team's assessment that the acquisition represents no political or technological risk to the U.S.

¶14. (SBU) Item requested:

¶A. (SBU) Jordan requests spares of the Image Intensifier Tubes for the following NVD models:

- Army and Navy/Passive Vision Sight-4 (AN/PVS-4)
- AN/PVS-7B
- AN/PVS-7D
- AN/AVS-9
- AN/PVS-14
- AN/PVS-23

- AN/PVS-27
- AN/TVS-5
- AN/TVS-5A
- AN/TVS-5B
- Multi-use Minimonocular-14 (MUM-14)

¶B. (SBU) The list of NVD IITs requested is described in the table below in the following format: Model, Supplier, Quantity

- XX2040 PT, Photonis, 50
- XX2050 NZ, Photonis, 100
- XX2050 PG, Photonis, 50
- XX1470X, Photonis, 200
- F9800C, ITT, 10
- XX1441, Photonis, 10

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